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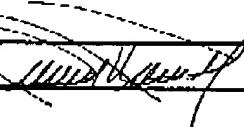
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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed on January 27, 2005, does not include an acknowledgement of applicants' Information Disclosure Statement which was filed on December 20, 2001. Applicants respectfully request the examiner to indicate for the record consideration of the information furnished therein by initializing each document on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A as part of the Information Disclosure Statement. The examiner is requested to return a copy of the initialized Form PTO/SB/08A to applicants.

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This request is being made upon the following facts. On December 20, 2001, applicants mailed an Information Disclosure Statement to the Office. The Office had received this Information Disclosure Statement by January 23, 2002, as indicated by the U.S. Patent Office date stamp on the Information Disclosure Statement attached in Appendix A to this paper. Inasmuch as the Information Disclosure Statement was filed prior to the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits, the certification made at the time was proper.

Although the final Office action mailed December 19, 2002 indicated the Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2 was attached, this document was not included in the mailing. Applicants' representative informed the Office of this problem in the response filed October 1, 2004; however, to date an initialed Form PTO/SB/08A has not been received from the Office.

The absence of the initialed Form PTO/SB/08A is believed to be an oversight as the Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO/SB/08A and the references were submitted in a conforming manner, and the Office acknowledged receipt. Applicants respectfully request the examiner to indicate consideration of the information furnished therein for the record by initializing documents US 4,806,246; US 5,296,192; US 6,040,195; US 6,203,850; US 6,284,550; and H. Yasuda, "Plasma Polymerization," pp. 345-354 for the record.

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A copy of the relevant sheets of the Information Disclosure Statement as filed, are enclosed as Appendix B for the examiner's convenience and to avoid any confusion.

The examiner respectfully is requested to telephone the undersigned if there is any question about the Request.

Respectfully submitted,
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